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NEW RAILWAY DIVISION
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have fixed norms for formation of new Railway Divisions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all the norms have been fulfilled for the formation of Salem Division; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Railways to formulate the Salem Division?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI R. VELU)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): As per the criteria fixed by the Railway Reforms Committee and Advisors' Committee, new Divisions are set up keeping in view factors like size, workload, accessibility, traffic pattern and other operating / administrative requirements etc. consistent with the needs of economy and efficiency without any regional considerations.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): The new Salem Division has already been operationalised w.e.f. 1st November 2007.